

that aggression would be too costly. For over fifty years U.S. troops have deterred aggression in Europe and Korea, creating an environment of stability that has benefited the entire world. Today, our power projection Army continues to deter aggression throughout the world. Most recently in 1994, the U.S. Army deployed over 6,000 soldiers to Kuwait to deter Iraqi aggression.

The demands on our Armed Forces to **reassure** our friends and allies are increasing. Since DESERT STORM, the overwhelming majority of missions to which America has committed its military resources has been done by the Army. These missions range in size from a handful of soldiers to large troop deployments all over the world. To reassure our friends and allies, Army forces provided humanitarian assistance to nations in need or participated in major exercises with our allies, providing visible assurance of America's leadership. In August 1994, following violent tribal conflict, the U.S. Air Force airlifted almost 2,500 soldiers and their equipment to Rwanda. Within hours American soldiers were in the middle of this tragedy, providing assistance to stop the dying. Since 1991, U.S. Army soldiers have provided both aid and protection to the Kurdish population in northern Iraq.



American soldiers on the ground serve as a symbol of undeniable commitment to a cause. U.S. forward presence, such as the small, 60-man contingent presently deployed along the border between Ecuador and Peru as a part of a multinational observer force, is an example. America's Army is helping these two countries disengage and prevent confrontation, allowing the region to invest their national resources on growth and cooperation, not squander them on confrontation.

American presence is credible because of our ability to get the job done. For over thirteen years the Army has been a symbol of U.S. commitment to a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel. The 600 soldiers of the Multinational Force and Observers have been in the Sinai, interposed between former belligerents. For the past four years, over 500 soldiers have been deployed to Macedonia to prevent the spread of conflict as a part of a United